1	2	3	4	5	
107	Nautanwa-Bhairwaha	Uttar Pradesh	15	176	
108	Amethi-Sahaganj *via* Sultanpur/Quadipur	Uttar Pradesh	110	296	
109	Sambhal-Gajraula	Uttar Pradesh	43	165	
110	Nepalganj Road (India)-Nepalganj (Nepal)	Uttar Pradesh	12	149	
111	Barhaj Bazar-Faizabad	Uttar Pradesh	194	782	
112	Tanakpur-Bageshwar	Uttarakhand	155	2252	
113	Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar *via* Roorkee	Uttarakhand/Uttar Pradesh	51	281	# (Part)
114	Budge Budge-Uluberia	West Bengal	25	910	
115	Chowrigacha-Kandi	West Bengal	16	50	
116	Bandel-Naihati	West Bengal	9	30	
117	Jhargram-Purulia	West Bengal	136	356	
118	Budge Budge-Namkhana-Frazerganj	West Bengal	129	321	
119	Samsi-Harishchandrapur	West Bengal	28	91	
120	Balurghat-Hili	West Bengal	30	105	
121	Canning-Sonakhali	West Bengal	17	126	
122	Amta-Bongaon	West Bengal	16	65	
123	Buniyadpur-Kaliyaganj	West Bengal	35	131	
124	Budge Budge-Pujali	West Bengal	11	37	
125	Mekhliganj-Haldibari with extn. to Chandrabhanga	West Bengal	26	186	
126	Barsoi-Chanchal	West Bengal/Bihar	33	131	
127	Sivok-Giellikhola	West Bengal/Assam & NE Region	25	105	
	TOTAL		12749	47934	

# indicates works which have been taken up

(b) Out of the above mentioned 127 completed surveys, 19 new line projects have so far been taken up. The funds have been allotted and works are in various stages of progress.

Nuisance caused to passengers by rodents, cockroaches and bugs

2088. SHRI SANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the nuisance caused to the railway passengers by rodents, cockroaches and bugs;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb the menace;

(c) whether any tenders have been floated to get rid of rodents, cockroaches and bugs;

(d) whether Government proposes to outsource the job; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) Railways are aware of the presence of rodents, cockroaches etc. in the trains. The problem gets compounded owing to food items/beverages etc. spilled/left behind in the coaches.

which provide a conducive breeding ground for cockroaches/rodents etc. Though it is difficult to completely eliminate these, adequate measures have been initiated to control the infestation in coaches. Intensive cleaning followed up by spraying of pesticides, application of gel/chemicals, laying of glue pads, traps etc. are carried out regularly in coaches for cockroach and rodent control. For most of the trains, this activity has been outsourced to the professional/specialized agencies in the field and for the rest, Pest/Rodent control is carried out departmentally. Due care is exercised to ensure that only those chemicals/ pesticides, which are approved by the Central Insecticide Board, are used for the treatment.

Modernisation and expansion plan of SAIL

2089. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has urged the SAIL to expedite execution of its modernisation and expansion plans to meet the growing demand for steel;

(b) if so, whether Government has approved SAIL's plans for Rs. 350 crores capacity expansion;

(c) whether the projects involving Rs. 17,300 crores investment plan have been prepared by the SAIL; and

(d) if so, by what time these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) to (d) As per Steel Authority India Ltd. (SAIL)'s Corporate Plan, the expansion and modernization programme was originally planned to be completed by 2012. On the basis of discussion held during review meetings by the Ministry of Steel, the schedules have been compressed so as to expedite the completion of the Expansion Plans of the SAIL Plants/ Units.

SAIL proposes to modernize and expand capacity of its plants to increase production of hot metal from the present level of 14.6 million tonnes per annum (2006-07) to about 26 million tonnes per annum at a present indicative cost of Rs. 53,000 crore, in respect of the expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant, IISCO Steel Plant and Salem Steel Plant. The Expansion Plan of SAIL Plants/Units is planned to be completed progressively by 2010-11.

Production of steel

2090. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the actual steel production is abysmally short of targets laid successive Five Year Plans;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China's steel production has reached a level of about 460 MT while India is still struggling with a level of 45 MT;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;